

STXTM REVOLUTIONS



REVEALING AXIS REVOLUTIONS

PREVIOUSLY...

POSSESSING THE BRAIN OF DECEASED X-MEN FOUNDER PROFESSOR CHARLES XAVIER—AND THE IMMENSE PSYCHIC POWERS THAT COME WITH IT—THE VILLAINOUS RED SKULL SOUGHT TO RID THE EARTH OF MUTANTKIND. ASCENDING INTO THE TERRIFYING FORM OF RED ONSLAUGHT, HE INITIATED HIS WAR, BROADCASTING HATE ACROSS THE PLANET. DETERMINED TO STOP HIM, A SMALL ARMY OF AVENGERS AND X-MEN TOOK THE FIGHT TO RED ONSLAUGHT ON THE ABANDONED ISLAND OF GENOSHA...ALONGSIDE THE WORLD'S FIERCEST VILLAINS. OUTMATCHED, THE HEROES AND VILLAINS MADE A LAST DITCH EFFORT TO OVERCOME THEIR FOE: THEY CAST A MAGICAL SPELL IN THE HOPE OF SUBDUING THE SKULL AND BRINGING XAVIER'S CONSCIOUSNESS TO THE FORE. BUT THE SPELL HAD UNFORESEEN CONSEQUENCES: THE PERSONALITY TRAITS OF EVERY HERO AND VILLAIN PRESENT WERE ALSO INVERTED.



"MAN OF ICE"

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I WAS ONE
OF THEM.

SMILING AND
LAUGHING...

...THAT WAS
MY LIFE.

A
LIFETIME
AGO.

THE WORLD
HASN'T BURNED
ITS DARKNESS
INTO THEIR
SOULS.
NOT YET.

BUT I
LEARNED.

LIFE'S NOT FUNNY.
IT'S NOT HAPPY.

NEITHER
AM I.

I DON'T
SMILE
ANYMORE.

NOT WHEN
THERE'S
NOTHING
TO SMILE
ABOUT.



IN MY OLD LIFE,
SALEM CENTER
WAS NICE.

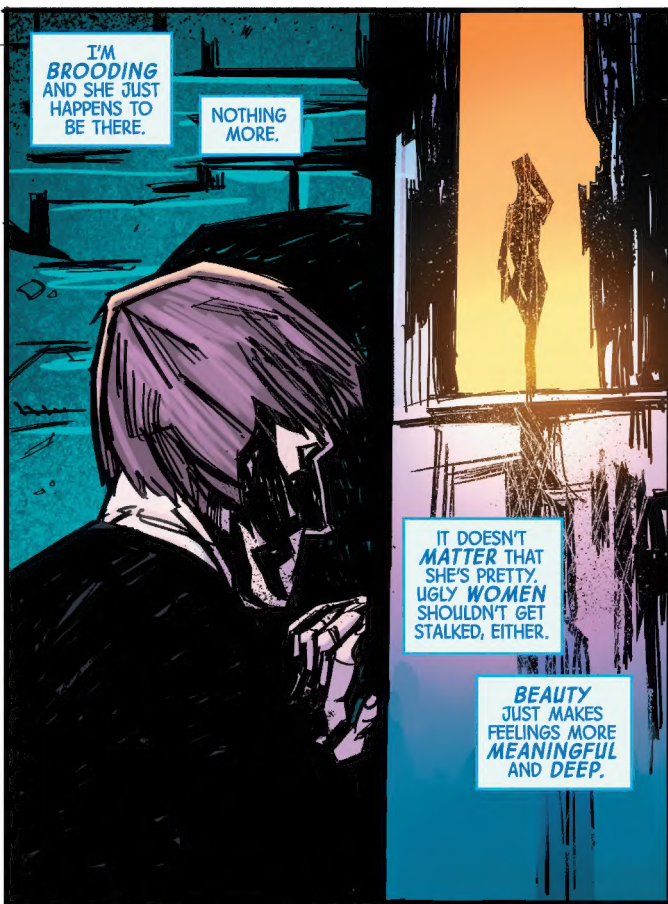
THEN, LIKE
EVERYTHING IN
THIS DARK WORLD,
IT ROTTED.

NOW IT'S
FULL OF
THIS GUY.



WE BOTH WATCH THE
WOMAN'S EVERY MOVE.

BUT MY WATCHING
ISN'T CREEPY. IT'S
MELANCHOLY.



I'M
BROODING
AND SHE JUST
HAPPENS TO
BE THERE.

NOTHING
MORE.

IT DOESN'T
MATTER THAT
SHE'S PRETTY.
UGLY WOMEN
SHOULDN'T GET
STALKED, EITHER.

BEAUTY
JUST MAKES
FEELINGS MORE
MEANINGFUL
AND DEEP.



IT DOESN'T MATTER.
AS A HERO, MY
LOVE MUST BE
UNREQUITED.

AS A HERO...



...COLD
IS THE ONLY
EMOTION
I FEEL.

OH,
UH...

LADY
DARKNESS...SHE
IS AN ICY ONE
TONIGHT.

HER CHILLY
EMBRACE IS NO
PLACE FOR INNOCENTS
TO TREAD...IT IS A PLACE
WHERE INNOCENCE
IS TREAD UPON.

WHAT?

YES,
CALL
ME...

ICEHEART!

MAN OF ICE

CHAPTER THE
FIRST OF ONE

IN WHICH THE DARKEST HERO OF ALL IS VISITED UPON BY: THE EXQUISITE PAIN OF TRIUMPH; A REMEMBRANCE OF HISTORY UNTOLD; A LOVE CUT SHORT BY VIRTUE; THE SYNESTHETIC REFLEX; THE EXQUISITE TRIUMPH OF PAIN.



WELL,
THEN,
HIP

YOU'RE ONE
OF THE, AH, THE
X-PEOPLE, RIGHT?
HEY--MUTANT RIGHTS!
HA HA, **YEAH**, I'M
FOR THAT.

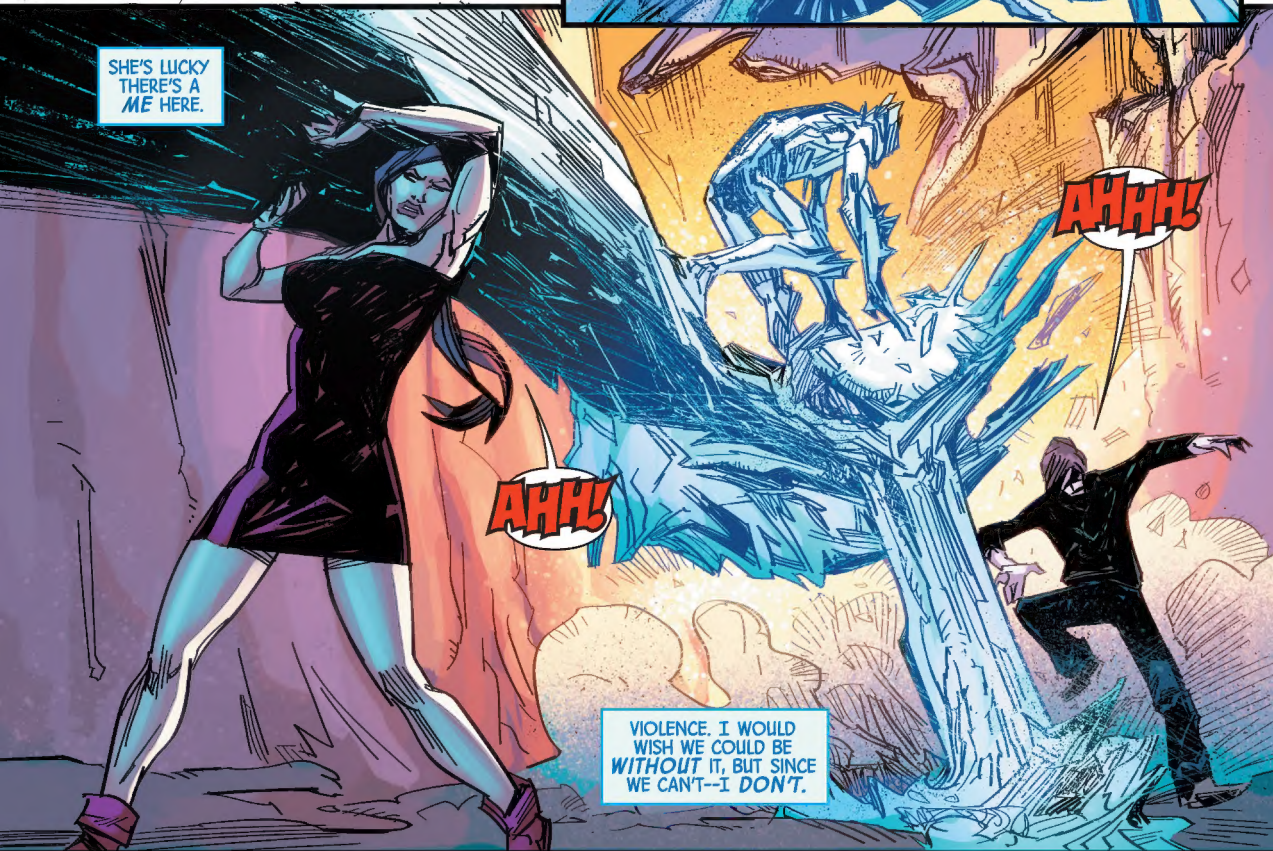
ANYWAYS,
I'M JUST
GONNA--



NOOOO!

SHE DOESN'T
SEE WHAT'S
BEHIND HER.

BUT I...**ALL** I SEE
IS THE DARKNESS
SURROUNDING US.



SHE'S LUCKY
THERE'S A
ME HERE.

AHH!

AHHH!

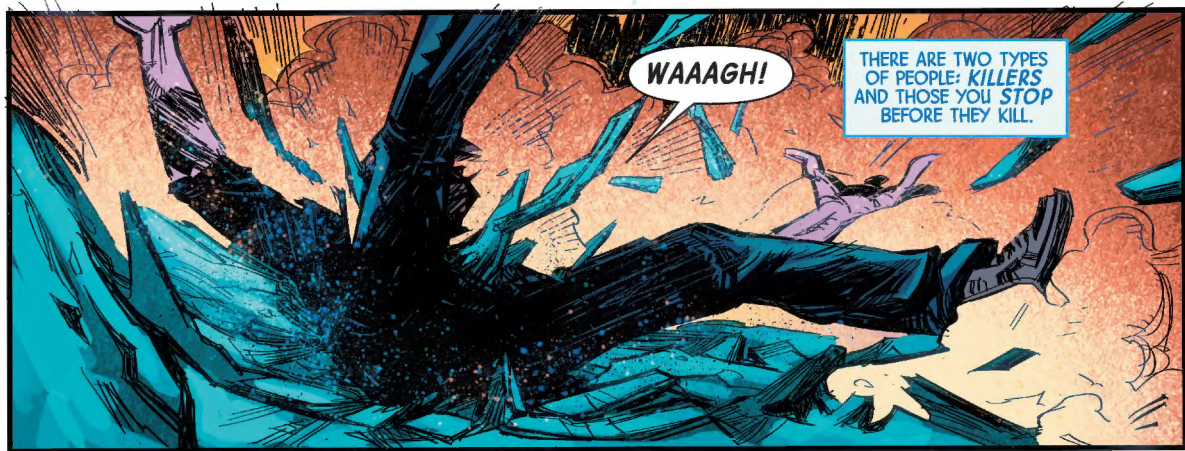
VIOLENCE. I WOULD
WISH WE COULD BE
WITHOUT IT, BUT SINCE
WE CAN'T--**I DON'T.**



MURDER IN
THE EYES OF
THE ASSAILANT.

A **SERIOUS**
FIGHT ON A
SERIOUS
WORLD.

GLUBBF!



THERE ARE TWO TYPES
OF PEOPLE: **KILLERS**
AND THOSE YOU **STOP**
BEFORE THEY KILL.

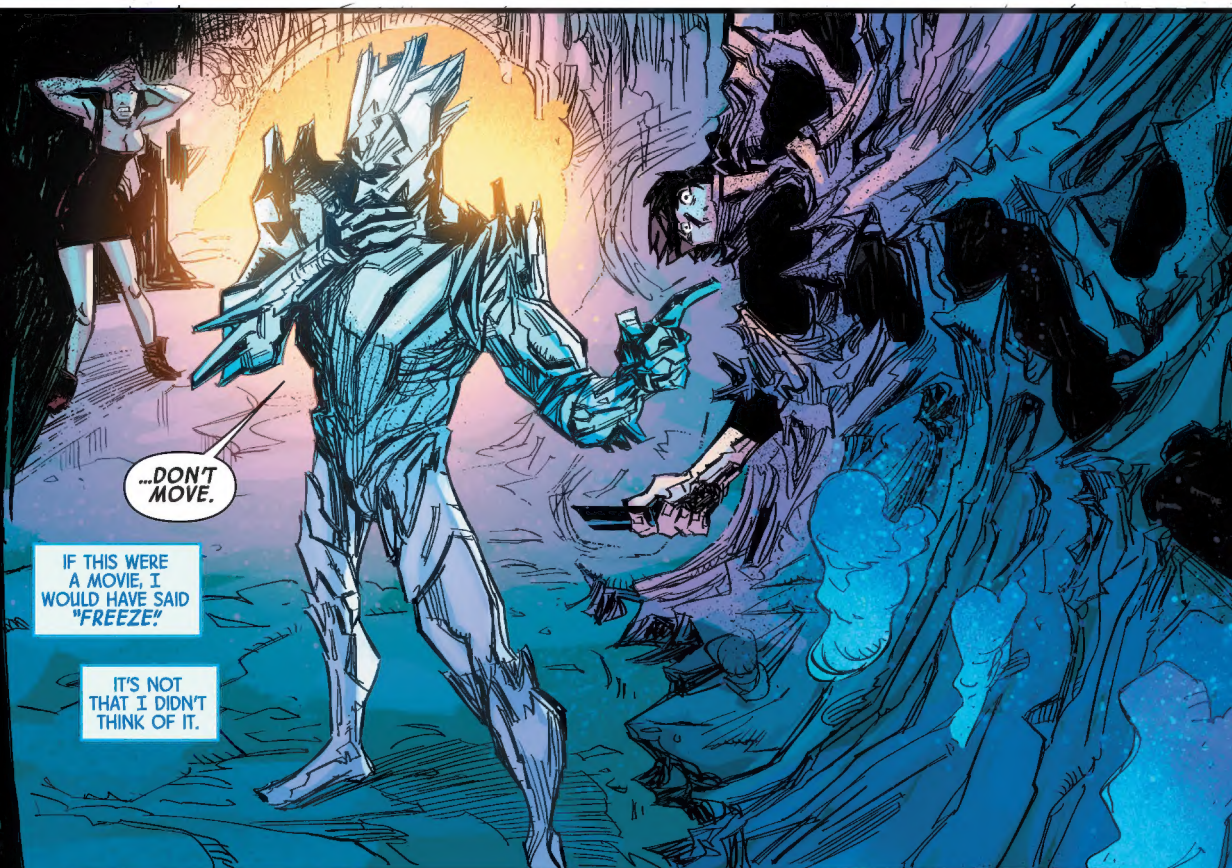




WHATEVER. I
NEVER SMILE,
ANYWAY.

PERHAPS I
MENTIONED
THAT.

NOW...



...DON'T
MOVE.

IF THIS WERE
A MOVIE, I
WOULD HAVE SAID
"FREEZE."

IT'S NOT
THAT I DIDN'T
THINK OF IT.



I THOUGHT
OF IT, ALL RIGHT.

BUT IT ISN'T A
TIME FOR JOKES.

EVER.

WHAT ARE
YOU--WHAT'S
HAPPENING?!



JUSTICE IS HAPPENING.

YOU CAN'T WALK AROUND ALONE AT NIGHT.

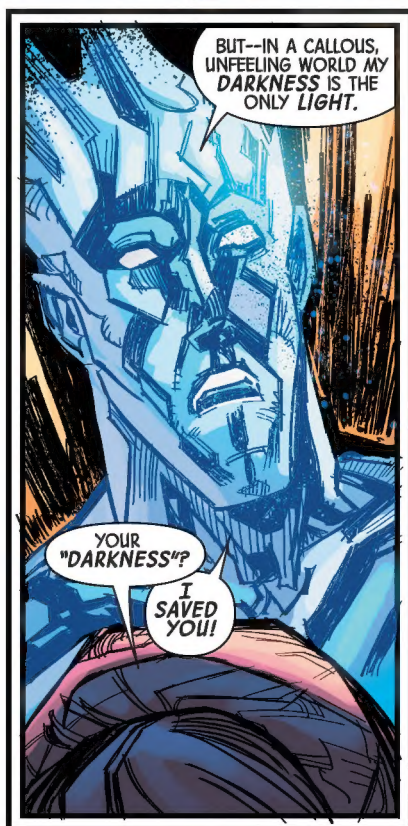
AN ATTRACTIVE YOUNG WOMAN LIKE YOU NEEDS SOMEONE TO PROTECT--



WHAAAAAT?!

I'M AN ADULT!

I DON'T NEED YOU MANSPLAINING TO ME WHAT IT'S LIKE TO BE A WOMAN, AND I DON'T CARE HOW YOU THINK I LOOK!



BUT--IN A CALLOUS, UNFEELING WORLD MY DARKNESS IS THE ONLY LIGHT.

YOUR "DARKNESS"?

I SAVED YOU!



FROM STEVE!

MY FRIEND STEVE!

MMMAHEGGHH.

YOU'RE RIGHT, STEVE!

WELL, I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT YOU SAID, BUT YOU SHOULD BE ANGRY.



THIS IS MY CREDIT CARD. I MUST'VE LEFT IT IN THE BAR.

WE'RE IN UPSTATE NEW YORK, NOT 1970'S TIMES SQUARE!



ALL OF LIFE
IS A LIE!



UM.



IF JUSTICE
CAN BE WRONG--
THERE CAN BE
NO JUSTICE!

AM I, WHO
BATTLED AGAINST
THE DARK, MERELY
AN AGENT OF
DARKNESS
MYSELF?!



NOTHING
IS REAL!

KROOM



THE COLLAPSE
OF MY CATHEDRAL
OF BLACK ICE IS SYMBOLIC
OF THE COLLAPSE OF
REALITY I AM
EXPERIENCING!



YEAH,
I GOT
THAT.

THANKS
FOR THE LOVE
YOU OFFER...

NOPE!

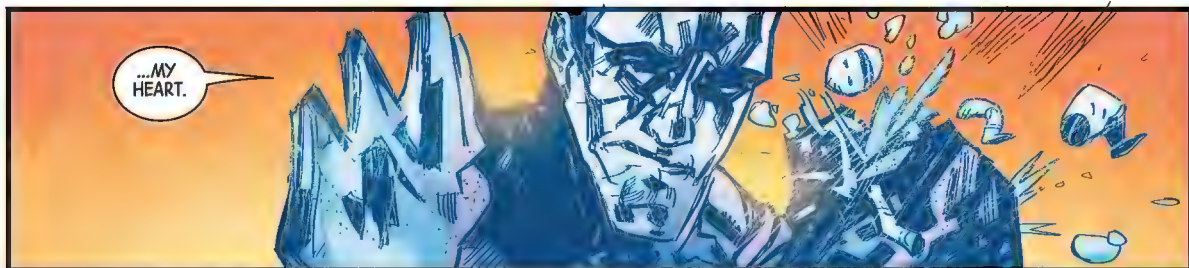
...BUT I WILL
PROTECT MY CITY
JUST AS I SHALL
FALL SAVING IT.

ALONE.



NO MATTER
HOW HOT THE FIRE
OF JUSTICE BURNS
INSIDE MY ICY
EXTERIOR...

...NOTHING
CAN MELT...



...MY
HEART.



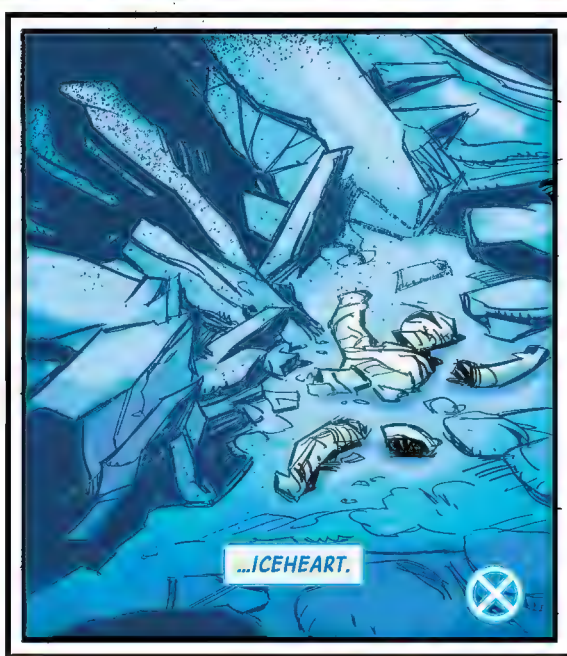
NOW I MUST
VANISH INTO THE
BOSOM OF THE
ONE LOVE I CAN
ACCEPT...

...THAT OF LADY
DARKNESS.

A.K.A.--
THE NIGHT.

YEAH, I
GOT IT!

IF YOU WOW
THEM IN THE END,
THEY'RE YOURS
FOREVER.



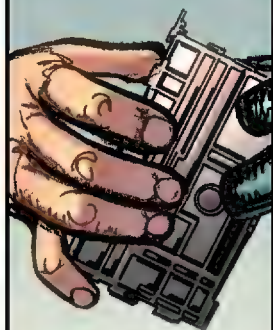
LATVERIA!

A NATION WITH RESPECT FOR TRADITION...
...A NATION EMBRACING THE SHOCK OF THE NEW!

DEATH TO THE
IRON NIGHTMARE!

A man and a woman are depicted in a dynamic dance pose. The woman, in the foreground, wears a large, flowing red gown with a white ruffled hem and a bodice featuring a brown and gold paisley pattern. She has dark hair styled in an updo and wears large hoop earrings. The man, behind her, wears a green vest with a gold and brown paisley pattern over a white shirt with a ruffled collar. He has dark hair and is smiling. They are both wearing black shoes with white floral patterns. The background is a vibrant blue with a repeating floral pattern.

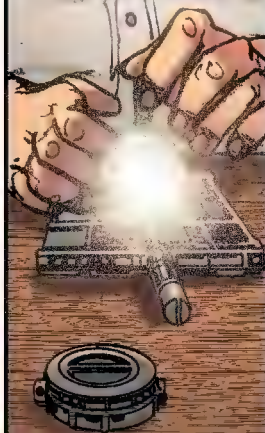
I REMEMBER
WHAT **FREEDOM**
FELT LIKE...



...OR AT LEAST,
I **THINK** I DO.



I REMEMBER A
LATVERIA THAT
BREATHED FREE...



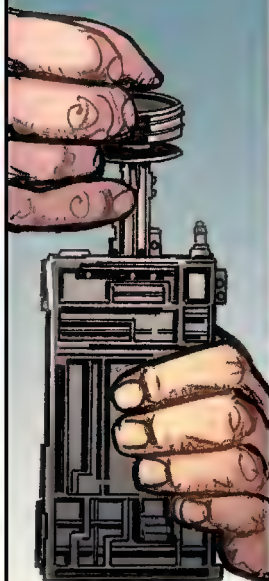
...A HOMELAND
THAT HAD NO
NEED TO HIDE ITS
TERROR BEHIND
PHONY **SMILES**...



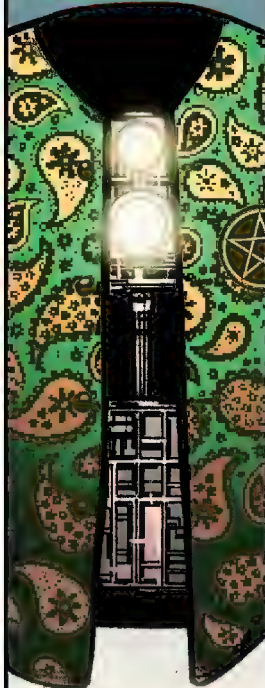
...A LAND OF
HARDWORKING
PEOPLE WHO
LIVED IN GRACE
AND **DIGNITY**.



...A NATION THAT LAUGHED,
CRIED, AND SANG WITH
NO FEAR OF THE
POWERS THAT BE...



I REMEMBER
WHAT **FREEDOM**
FELT LIKE...



...OR MAYBE
I'M JUST
FOOLING
MYSELF...

ARE
YOU **SURE**
IT WORKS,
LASZLO?





OF COURSE,
FRANTISZKA...

...AND THE FREEDOM I
REMEMBER IS A *FAIRY TALE*.

...OUR COMRADES IN
MADRIPOOR HAVE CREATED
A DEVICE THAT WILL MAKE IT
POSSIBLE TO ELIMINATE THE
TYRANT ONCE AND
FOR ALL.

MADRIPOOR.



THAT'S RIGHT.
MADRIPOOR.

WE
NEED SCIENCE
TO *COMBAT*
MAGIC.

BUT
MADRIPOOR?

I WORRY
ABOUT THE QUID
PRO QUID THOSE
CRIMINALS
WILL EXPECT
FROM *US*.



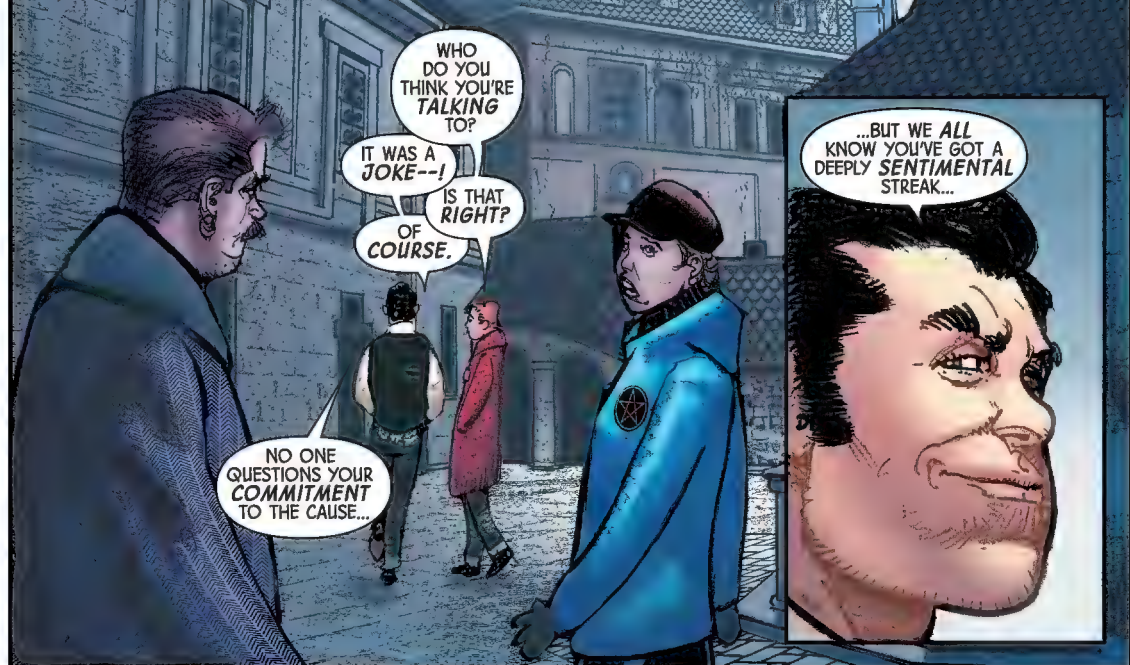
WE CAN WORRY
ABOUT *THAT* ONCE
THE IRON MONSTER
IS DEAD.

AND
THAT'S WHERE
WE DIFFER...

...I
WORRY
NOW.



JUST LIKE A
WOMAN.



WHO DO YOU THINK YOU'RE TALKING TO?

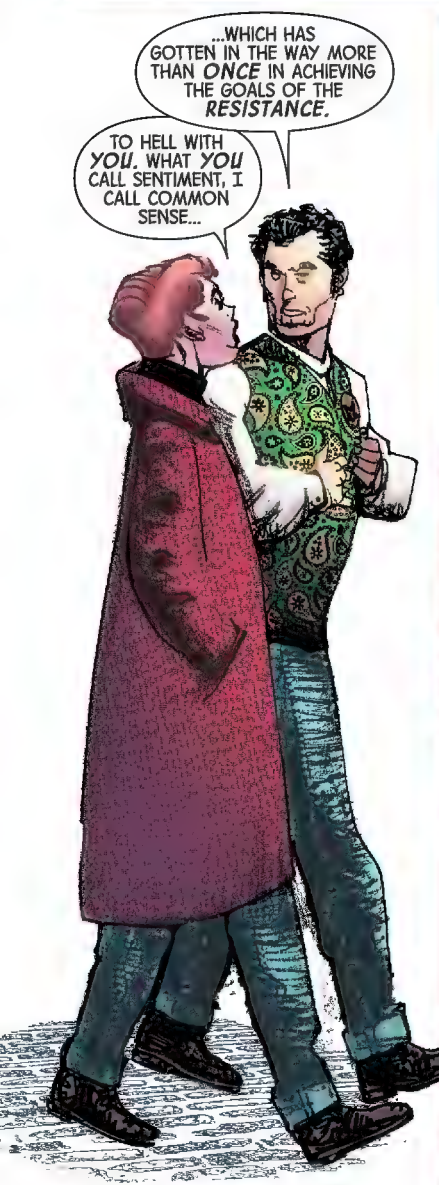
IT WAS A JOKE--!

IS THAT RIGHT?

OF COURSE.

NO ONE QUESTIONS YOUR COMMITMENT TO THE CAUSE...

...BUT WE ALL KNOW YOU'VE GOT A DEEPLY SENTIMENTAL STREAK...



...WHICH HAS GOTTEN IN THE WAY MORE THAN *ONCE* IN ACHIEVING THE GOALS OF THE RESISTANCE.

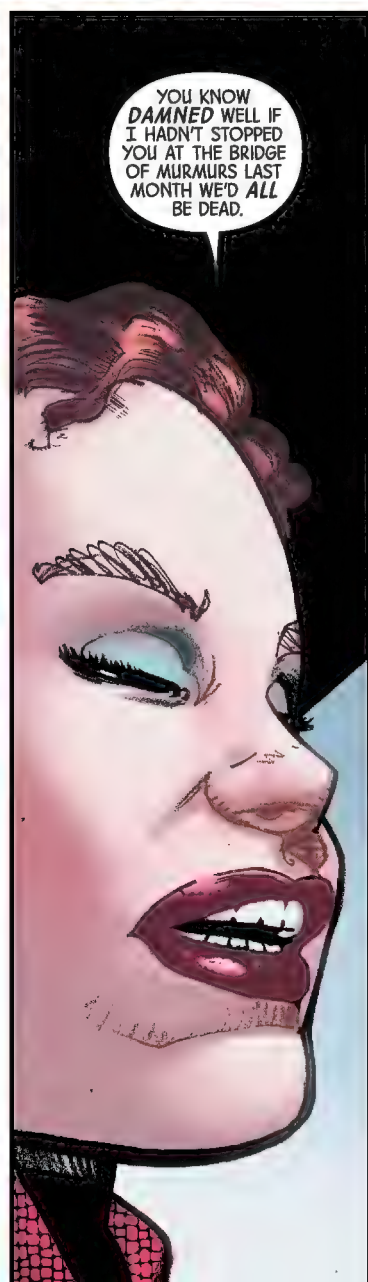
TO HELL WITH YOU, WHAT YOU CALL SENTIMENT, I CALL COMMON SENSE...



...AS OPPOSED TO *YOUR* RECKLESS RUSH TO GET US ALL KILLED.

SO MAYBE YOU'RE JUST A BIT OVERCAUTIOUS.

THAT'S IT.



YOU KNOW DAMNED WELL IF I HADN'T STOPPED YOU AT THE BRIDGE OF MURMURS LAST MONTH WE'D ALL BE DEAD.



AND
I REMAIN
WILLING TO **DIE**
TO ASSASSINATE
DOOM.

**BIG
HERO!**

**DAMNED
RIGHT.**

WHO WAS IT WHO
ARRANGED FOR THIS
WEAPON FROM THE
MADRIPOORIANS?



YOU ALREADY
KNOW HOW I FEEL
ABOUT **THAT**.

WHO WAS IT
WHO FIGURED OUT
DOOM'S **WEAK**
SPOT?

I **STILL**
DON'T GET
WHAT—

AND WHO
WAS IT WHO GOT
AUTHENTIC **PAPERS**
FOR THIS AUDIENCE
WITH DOOM?

YOU
WIN.

DISAGREEING WITH
YOU IS LIKE ARGUING
WITH A **MANIFESTO**,
NOT A **MAN**.

AND MAYBE IT'S
TIME YOU REALIZED
THAT **DESPERATE** TIMES
CALL FOR A DEDICATED
MAN LIKE **ME**...

...A MAN
WILLING TO SACRIFICE
EVERYTHING FOR HIS
COMRADES, HIS
COUNTRY...

"...AND ITS
FUTURE!"

OH MY
GOD.

I NEVER
IMAGINED...



WHAT--

--THAT ANY
MAN COULD HAVE
SO MASSIVE AN
EGO AS THIS?

NO...

...THAT I COULD
EVER BE THIS
TERRIFIED AND STILL
BREATHE.

BE STRONG,
FRANTISZKA--

OH, SHUT UP,
YOU PATRONIZING
BASTARD.





FOR ON
THIS DAY, I,
VICTOR VON DOOM,
SUPREME RULER
OF LATVERIA...

...PREPARE
TO *REMOVE*
MYSELF FROM
AUTHORITARIAN
POWER...

...AND
DECLARE
LATVERIA
A *FREE*
STATE.

YOUR
RESISTANCE
CELLS HAVE PRAYED
AND FOUGHT FOR
THIS DAY...

WHILE *OTHERS*
HAVE CONSPIRED TO
WRECK YOUR HOPES OF
FREEDOM AND UNDERMINE
YOUR EFFORTS
FROM WITHIN.



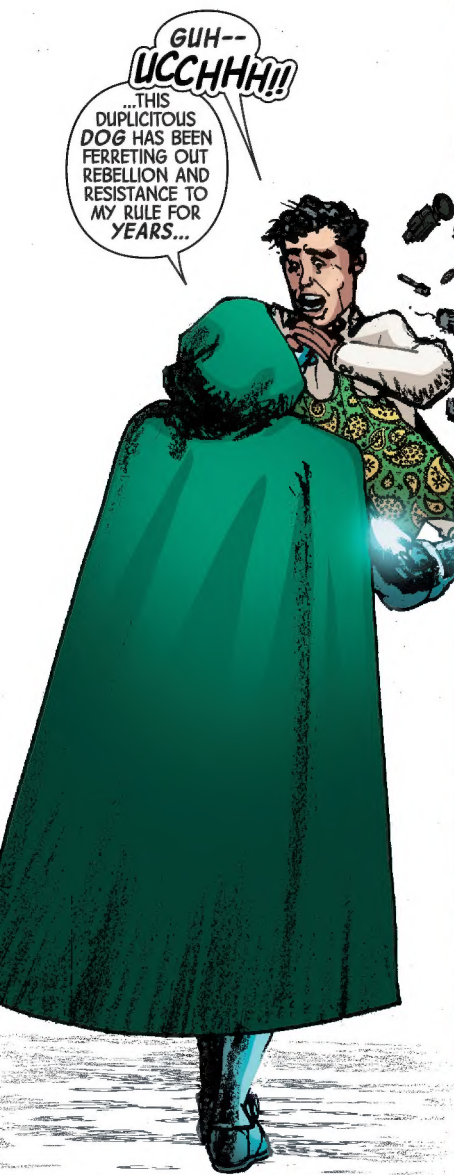
...LIARS,
CHEATS AND
THIEVES...



...WHO HAVE
BETRAYED YOUR
TRUST AT EVERY
TURN...



...LIARS,
CHEATS AND THIEVES
LIKE LASZLO
CHALOUPEK.



GUH--
UCCHHH!!

...THIS
DUPlicitous
DOG HAS BEEN
FERRETING OUT
REBELLION AND
RESISTANCE TO
MY RULE FOR
YEARS...

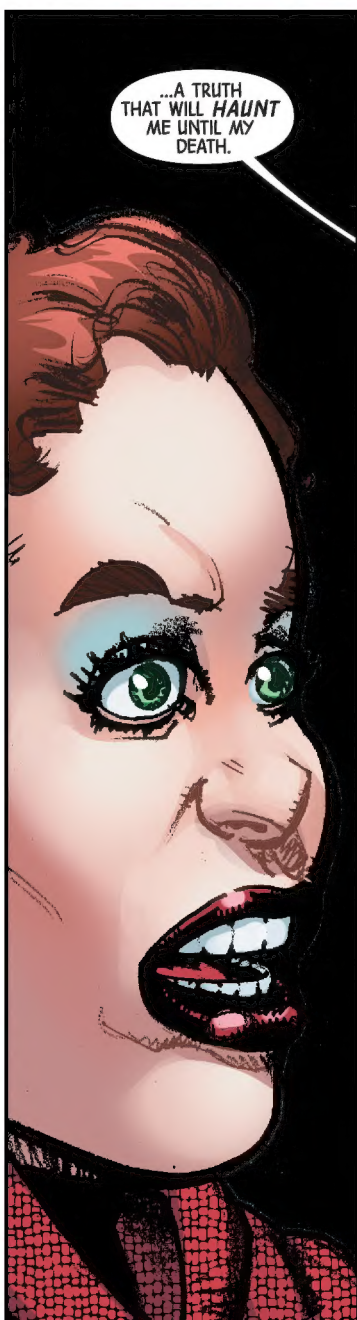


...A JUDAS,
LEADING GOOD MEN AND
WOMEN--LIKE YOU, ZELENY--
TO THEIR DEATHS.

SIRE--MY
LOYALTY
IS--

HE IS
DIRECTLY
RESPONSIBLE
FOR THE BETRAYAL,
DISAPPEARANCE AND
DEATH OF ALL TOO
MANY INNOCENT
LATVERIANS...

--NO!!



...A TRUTH
THAT WILL HAUNT
ME UNTIL MY
DEATH.

